



Church of Saint Leo the Great

*To Him Who is able to accomplish far more than all we ask or imagine
be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen”
~ Ephesians 3:21*

February 2024

Dear Parish Family Member,

I hope you and your family are in good health. Thank you for your years of faith-filled support of the Parish of Saint Leo the Great. We are contacting you because several unplanned improvements are necessary in order to keep our infrastructure in excellent working condition and maintain a safe operating environment.

The Church elevator, installed in the 1970's, has outlived its useful life. Several issues have made the elevator operation challenging. Our vendor has addressed these concerns. However, due to the elevator's age, replacement parts are no longer available. A complete elevator replacement is required at a cost of \$130,000.

The AAC HVAC equipment, installed in the 1990's, supplies heat and air conditioning to our AAC building. The performance of the three 20-ton units has diminished over these past few years, requiring ever-increasing maintenance costs to keep the units operational. Our vendor has notified us that the units are unsafe due to rusting issues and diminished operational efficiency. We are faced with the replacement of these units for \$35,000 per unit or a total of \$105,000.

Last year, we experienced a complete power failure in our School/Church, Parish Center, and AAC buildings. This unsafe condition required the emergency evacuation of students. Installing a generator for the School would cost more than a million dollars. A viable alternative would be to install a generator for the AAC, which would provide uninterrupted power for heat and air conditioning. The benefit would allow the entire School population to occupy the building. The long-term beneficial impact would also enable us to provide the community with heating/air conditioning during a catastrophic emergency. The cost is \$285,000.

A long-term project - the expansion of the Good Shepherd Media Room - would create a quality electronic facility with exceptional learning capabilities. This would enable the School population to use this enhanced instructional facility and allow us to provide a handsome space for Faith Formation activities for Parish Families. The projected cost is \$600,000.

These four critical projects have a cost of over a million dollars. The elevator replacement and the AAC HVAC units must be accomplished for safety reasons and to continue the use of the Church and AAC. The other two projects will provide additional educational resources and a built-in safety mechanism in case of major power outages. No funds will be committed to the latter two projects (\$885,000) unless we can secure financial support from our Parish Families.

Over the years, we have been fortunate to rely on the generosity of our Parish Families. Once again, we ask you to help us with this critical effort in order to provide a safe prayer space and the best educational facilities.

May God bless you and keep you.

Reverend John T. Folchetti, DMin
Pastor

Joseph A. Manzi
Director of Finance & Development

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